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Suggests Joint Committee Like That For AEC

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Washington, Feb. 18—Representative Mathias (R., 6th) called today for a tightening of "the very loose" congressional supervision of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Speaking in the wake of disclosures that the CIA had subsidized student groups to fight the cold war, Mr. Mathias said governmental direction of the agency has been loose.

"I think it is clear President Eisenhower was unaware of the schedule of U-2 flights in 1960, and it is alleged that President Johnson knew nothing of the subsidization of the National Students Association."

Seven years ago, Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev broke off talks with President Eisenhower

after a CIA-sponsored U-2 "spy" aircraft was shot down over Russian territory. United States officials had claimed it was a weather plane.

Mr. Mathias suggested establishment of a joint congressional committee to oversee operations of the CIA, similar to the Select Committee of senior members supervising the Atomic Energy Commission.

There have been proposals for a committee composed of seven senators and seven House members — proposals that have been given new life by the fresh controversy surrounding the Intelligence agency.